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## NO FORWARD STEP IN THE RAIL CASE

### President Wilson Again Makes Known His Stand

### Labor Leaders Mark Time—Railroad Heads Holding Conferences

Washington, Aug. 21.—President Wilson's week of conferences with ranking officials of the railroads and leaders of their employes threatening a nation-wide strike are believed by all parties to the controversy to have brought the situation to a point where decisive developments may be expected within a few days.

While the negotiations took no actual forward step, the president replied indirectly to contentions of the road officials that the principle of arbitration would be endangered by his plan for putting the eight hour basic day into effect while a commission investigates its practicability and passes upon other points at issue. In a telegram made public at the White House the president declared he held firmly to arbitration as a principle, and that his plan strengthened rather than weakened it. He also said that some means must be found to prevent the existing situation from ever arising again.

The road officials, who have tentatively refused to accept Mr. Wilson's proposal continued conferences among themselves. The labor leaders, who already have approved the proposal, marked time awaiting definite decision from the employers.

The president's telegram defending his plan was in reply to an appeal from George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, urging that the principle of arbitration be preserved in the strike negotiations.

**President's Telegram.**  
The president replied: "Allow me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of Aug. 18 and to say in reply that I hold to the principle of arbitration with as clear a conviction and as firm a purpose as any, but that unfortunately there is no means now in existence by which arbitration can be secured. Existing means have been tried and have failed. The situation must never be allowed to rise again, but it has arisen. Some means must

be found to prevent its recurrence, but no means can be found off-hand or in a hurry or in season to meet the present national emergency. What I am proposing does not weaken or discredit the principle of arbitration. It strengthens it, rather. It proposes that nothing be conceded except the eight hour day, to which the economic movement of the times seems to point, and the immediate creation of an agency for determining all the arbitrable elements in this case in the light, not of predictions or forecasts, but of established and ascertained facts. This is the first stage of the direct road to the discovery of the best permanent basis for arbitration when other means than those now available are supplied."

There were no outward developments pending arrival of the additional railroad executives to whom the president sent invitations. Representatives of both sides are prepared to remain here until the final word is spoken and a strike is declared or averted.

It is thought probable that there would be no further general White House conferences until Tuesday. Although the railroad executives continue to maintain their position in opposition to the president's plan and in favor of arbitration, administration officials express hope that ultimately they would decide to negotiate on the basis proposed by Mr. Wilson.

It was understood that a counter proposal was under consideration by the railroad executives, but that it had not yet reached a definite stage. It was said to include arbitration of at least some of the points at issue, with the granting of others. In the meantime telegrams urging the president to insist on arbitration arrived in large numbers at the White House.

**Five Killed in Powder Plant.**  
Montreal, Aug. 21.—Five men were killed, six probably fatally injured and eight others seriously hurt in a fire in the Aetna Chemical Company's powder factory at Drummondville, Quebec.

### CATHOLICS OPEN ANNUAL MEETING

### Dignitaries From This and Foreign Countries Present.

New York, Aug. 20.—Three princes of the Roman Catholic church, the papal delegate to the United States, the papal nuncio to Brazil, scores of bishops and other dignitaries, several hundred priests and thousands of laymen participated here in the celebration of a solemn pontifical high mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The occasion was the formal opening of the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies and the sixty-first annual convention of the National Federation of German Catholics.

Seldom in the history of the church has there been so notable a gathering of ecclesiastics outside of Rome. It was estimated that more than 8,000 persons crowded into the cathedral, while twice as many more congregated outside to view the procession which preceded the mass.

American and papal flags were hung above the cathedral entrance with great streamers of yellow and white the papal colors, suspended from each arch inside. High above all the decoration hung the red hat of the late Cardinal McCloskey, suspended from the arched ceiling over the chancel.

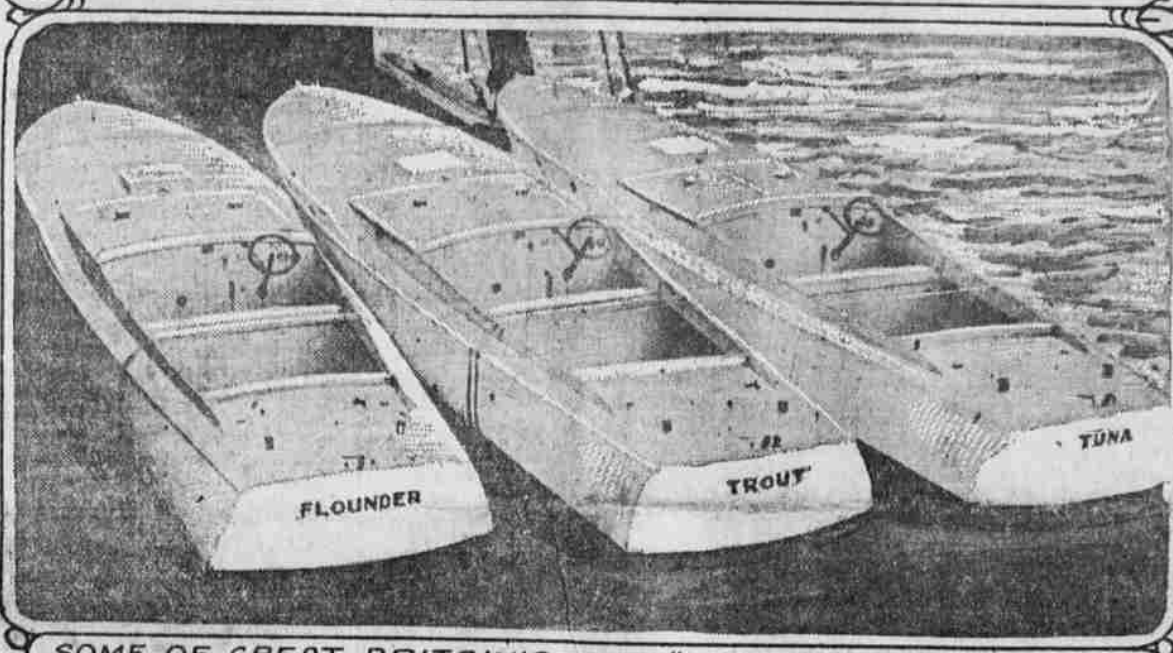
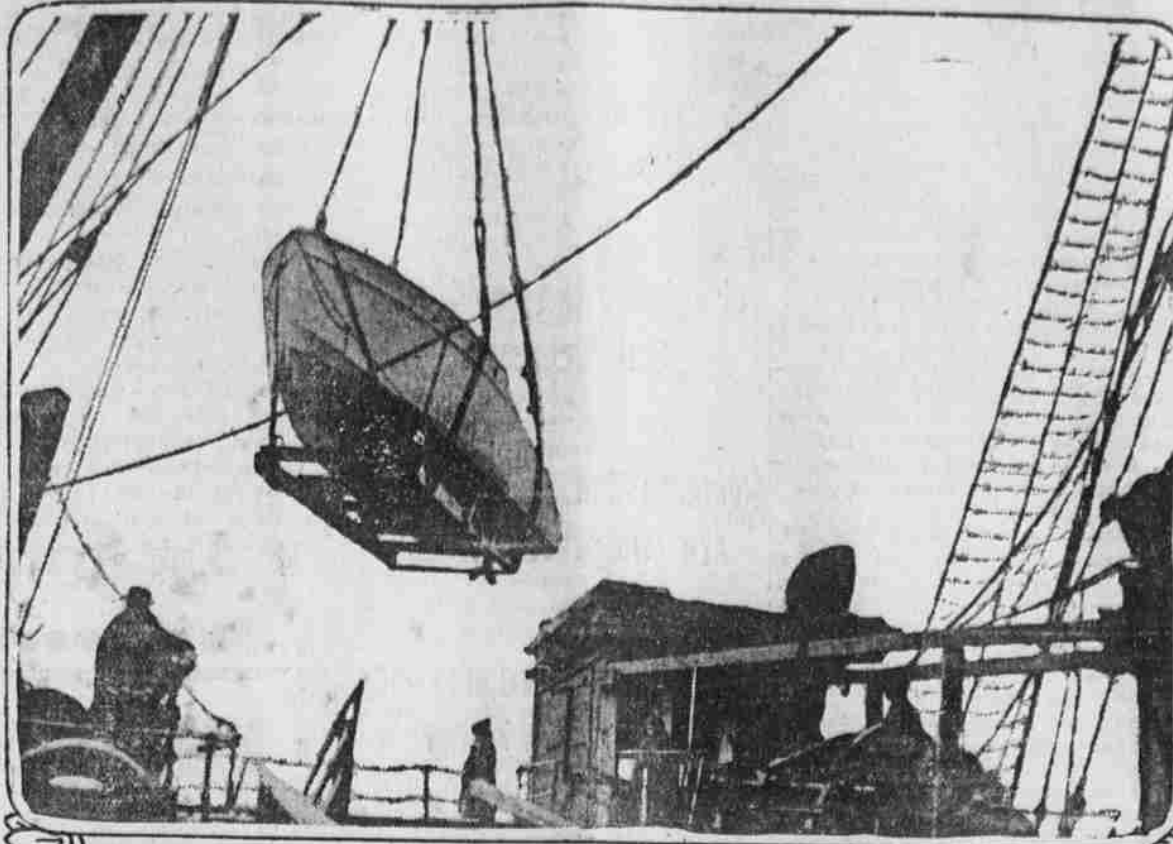
### KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Chardon, O., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Leola Robbins of Cleveland, was killed by a Cleveland and Eastern Interurban car, which hit the automobile in which she was riding at Babcocks Crossing, six miles from here. F. M. Robbins, her husband, who was driving was severely injured.

### NO CARS TO MOVE WHEAT

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—The three Northwestern states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho will have 50,000,000 bushels of wheat to move to the Atlantic seaboard within the next six months and practically no cars are in sight in which to move it, according to a survey completed by local railroad men. The railroads will be called on to provide about 38,500 cars, the average capacity of a car being 1,300 bushels.

## SEA WASP THAT WILL CHASE THE GERMAN SUBMARINES



SOME OF GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW "SUBMARINE CHASERS"

Here are some of the fast "submarine chasers," part of an order of 40, built in South Boston for use in guarding the coasts of Great Britain. Six of them have been shipped from Boston. All are named after various fish of the sea. They are 100 horsepower

40 feet long and capable of making 25 knots. The contracts were awarded last spring and it is said they cost \$4,000 each. The boats are very heavily constructed forward, evidently with the idea of mounting a small gun, probably three-inch calibre, in the bow. They have long trunk

cabins and have accommodations for two or three men. They are of V bottom type, and the motors are equipped with special carbureting device, by means of which either gasoline or heavier oils may be used. The steering gear is like that of an automobile.

## FIVE NEGROES TAKEN FROM FLORIDA JAIL AND HANGED

Gainesville, Fla., Aug. 21.—Two women and three men, all negroes, were taken from the jail at Newberry and hanged by a mob. Another negro was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs near Jonesville, Fla. All of the victims came to their deaths as the result of the killing of Constable S. G. Wynne

and the shooting of Dr. L. G. Harris by Boisey Long, a negro. The lynched negroes were accused of aiding Long to escape.

Dispatches from Newberry said that the mob which lynched the negroes was composed of about 200 men, and that it worked quietly and rapidly.

## TOLEDO IN BAD SHAPE

Toledo, Aug. 21.—The city failed to meet its semi-monthly service department pay roll of \$50,000. The 1,200 employees were told they could not get their money before Tuesday. The city is in financial straits and accountants are checking up to ascertain just what would be done.

## COLORED TROOPS SKIRMISH WITH MEXICANS ON BORDER

Naco, Ariz., Aug. 21.—Over 100 shots were exchanged across the international line and about a mile west of here between patrols belonging to the colored militia troops from the District of Columbia and a party on the Mexican side. The militia say they halted some Mexicans who at

tempted to cross the line, and in answer to the challenge the Mexicans fired. In the fusillade that followed the only casualty was the wounding of one of the Mexicans who had tried to cross. He is now a prisoner in the camp of colored troops.

## SPEAKEASIES AID COUNTY

St. Clairsville, Aug. 21.—The state liquor license commission's raids on Belmont county speakeasies resulted in \$22,000 being assessed in fines in Mayor Davies' court here. Of this the county received \$10,000 in cash.

**Peace Pamphlets Seized.**  
London, Aug. 21.—The premises of all Berlin Socialist clubs were raided by the police, according to an Exchange Telegraph company dispatch from Geneva. Many persons were arrested the advice state, and it is reported that large quantities of peace manifestos and pamphlets were seized.

**Skull Fractured; Dies.**  
Columbus, Aug. 21.—Several hours after he had been injured, John Glass, 28, died at a hospital from a fractured skull. He struck his head out of a street car window and another car struck it.

## BODY FOUND IN CISTERN

Toledo, O., Aug. 21.—The body of Daniel H. Murphy, 31, was taken from a cistern at his home. He had taken poison and slashed his throat, close to the jugular vein. Murphy had been ill since he was prostrated by the heat recently.

## CONGRESS WILL SOON ADJOURN

### Few Important Bills Remain For Passage.

### LEADERS TO HURRY THINGS

Senate Believes the Revenue Measure, Designed to Raise \$250,000,000 Annually, Can Be Disposed of in Four or Five Days—Minor Measures Will Be Overlooked in the Final Drive for Adjournment.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Adjournment of Congress now waits only on the passage of the emergency revenue bill, repassage of the army appropriation bill with amendments to meet President Wilson's veto, completion of the general deficiency appropriation measure and final action on a few conference reports, including the government shipping bill. Senate leaders who have grown optimistic over the rapid progress of legislation within the last few days, said they would be ready to adjourn next Saturday if the house could be prevailed upon to accept the amended revenue bill without a fight. This does not seem likely, however, and because of some discussion that may arise over general deficiency appropriations, Congress probably will not be ready for the adjournment gavel before Sept. 1 or 2.

Fears of indefinite delay resulting from President Wilson's veto of the army appropriation bill because of its exemption from the military code of retired officers and men have almost entirely disappeared. The house will repass the bill under special rule with the articles of war which caused Representative Hays' objectionable amendment, eliminated. It will be rushed to the senate, where the plan is to reinsert the articles of war which caused the Hays amendment. Unless present plans miscarry, the bill will then go to conference and Representative Hays, his friends declare, will then surrender. There is a possibility, however, that the articles of war will be thrown out in the senate on a point of order that they are not germane to an appropriation bill.

**Discuss Revenue Bill Today.**  
Today the senate began discussion of the revenue bill, designed to raise \$250,000,000 annually through income, inheritance, munitions, liquor, corporation stock and miscellaneous taxes. Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, opened debate on the measure and he has been assured by Republican leaders who propose to make the bill the target for vigorous political assault that they can finish their attack in four or five days at the most. Some time, however, will be taken by Democratic senators who oppose certain features of the bill.

The recommendation for a bond issue of \$130,000,000 to meet expenses of the Mexican emergency, house leaders say, will be accepted, having originally been suggested by the ways and means committee.

Republican and Democratic leaders alike assert that odds and ends of legislation still pending will be entirely overlooked in the final drive for adjournment and that nothing can prevent congress getting away after the revenue and general deficiency bills are passed. They declare such things as corrupt practices legislation, woman suffrage and the treaty for the purchase of the Danish West Indies did not have the ghost of a chance for consideration unless unexpected developments should prolong the session.

### LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

**EAST BUFFALO, Aug. 21.**  
Cattle—Shipping steers, \$8 50@10 00; butcher steers, \$7 00@8 50; heifers, \$6 00@8 50; cows, \$4 00@7 75; bulls, \$5 00@7 25; fresh cows and springers, \$6 50@11 50; calves, \$4 50@12 50.  
Hogs—Heavy and mixed, \$11 00@11 10; Yorkers, \$10 25@11 10; pigs, \$10 25; roughs, \$9 40@9 60; stage, \$7 00.  
Sheep and Lambs—Yearlings, \$5 50@9 50; wethers, \$5 00@8 25; ewes, \$4 00@7 75; mixed sheep, \$7 75@8 50; lambs, \$7 11@11 25.

**CHICAGO, Aug. 21.**  
Cattle—Native beef steers, \$7 00@11 10; cows and heifers, \$4 00@8 50; stockers and feeders, \$5 00@9 00; calves, \$9 25@12 70.  
Hogs—Light, \$10 20@10 50; mixed, \$9 35@10 50; heavy, \$9 75@10 50; mixed, \$9 75@9 85; pigs, \$8 30@9 75.  
Sheep and Lambs—Native, \$6 00@7 50; choice, \$12 50@15 00; western, \$6 75@8 50; lambs, \$7 25@11.

**CLEVELAND, Aug. 21.**  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8 25@8 75; butcher steers, \$7 50@8 25; heifers, \$6 50@7 50; bulls, \$5 00@6 50; cows, \$5 00@6 25; choice calves, \$12 50@15 00.  
Hogs—Yorkers, heavies and mediums, \$11; pigs, \$9 75; roughs, \$9 40; stage, \$8 25.  
Sheep and Lambs—Choice ewes, \$4 50@7; lambs, \$7 50@10 50.

**PITTSBURGH, Aug. 21.**  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8 50@9 00; butcher steers, \$7 50@8 50; heifers, \$6 50@7 50; cows, \$5 00@6 50; bulls, \$6 75@7 50; top calves, \$12 50@15 00; Yorkers, \$10 50@11; pigs, \$9 50@10 25.

## A LOSS IS SUSTAINED

### British Have Two Light Cruisers Destroyed

### German High Sea Fleet Again Gives Battle.

### ARE VICTIMS OF SUBMARINES

Berlin Also Claims to Have Sunk a British Destroyer and Damaged a Battleship. But This Is Denied by London—Paris Reports Tell of Fierce Counter Attacks By Germans at Verdun.

London, Aug. 21.—The German high seas fleet has again appeared in the North Sea and in a clash between German submarines and British scout ships two British light cruisers have been sent to the bottom. The war of office reports that one of the submarines was destroyed and that another was rammed and possibly sunk.

This is the first appearance in the North Sea of strong German naval forces since the battle off Jutland on May 31.

The two British vessels lost were the Nottingham, 5,400 tons, and the Falmouth, 5,250 tons. The crews of both the ships were saved, with the exception of 39 men. The Germans also claim to have sunk a British destroyer, and damaged a battleship, but this is denied by London. According to the British admiralty, the German fleet avoided an engagement with the main British forces and returned to port when its scouts reported the approach of strong British squadrons.

**Fighting at Verdun.**

On the western front the French continue to press forward in the neighborhood of Guillemont and Paris reports the capture of a strongly fortified wood between that town and Maurepas. In the Verdun sector the Germans are fiercely counter attacking in an effort to regain Fleury, the loss of which they concede. The British report the repulse of German counter attacks and the capture of a portion of trenches north of Bazentin-le-Petit.

In the east the Russians are apparently centering their efforts on their new drive toward Kovle. Berlin admits that General Brussiloff's troops have crossed the Stokhod at one point and Petrograd says that the Russians have pushed beyond the river and captured a series of heights on the road to Kovle. Fierce fighting continues on the crest of the Carpathians, where the Russians are battling within sight of the Hungarian plains.

No indication has been given, however of the strength of the force engaged in this region and it is uncertain as yet whether General Brussiloff is making a serious effort to invade Hungary.

The offensive on the Saloniki front is developing and the fighting is growing in intensity on the 150-mile battle line from Lake Prespa to Lake Doiran. Both sides claim minor successes, but apparently no action of first importance has occurred. An interesting feature of this front is the advance of Bulgarian detachments to ward the Greek seaport of Kavala. This port is well to the east of the allied front and the purpose of the Bulgarian move is not made clear in the dispatches.

**Run Down By a Truck.**  
Akron, O., Aug. 21.—William Smith, 52, an employee of a paving construction company at Springfield Lake, was almost instantly killed when he was run down at the lake by one of the company trucks.

## SOAP JOKE IS FATAL

Columbus, Aug. 21.—Because James Ashfoot, 22, negro, who came here three weeks ago from Smith Place, Ala., put soap into something to eat, a negro, whose name is unknown, wounded Ashfoot in the right shoulder and back with a shotgun. The load pierced Ashfoot's lung and he will die, surgeons say.